

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

January 1st ~ January 8th

**Sunday January 1st**  
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 (Nursery Available)  
 No Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 (Nursery Available)  
 No High School Youth

**Monday January 2nd**  
 Office Closed

**Tuesday January 3rd**  
 6:30 p.m. Life Recovery ~ Coffee Corner  
 6:30 p.m. Eating Disorders Anonymous ~ Rm. 202

**Wednesday January 4th**  
 12 Noon Prayer and Communion  
 6:30 p.m. Awana  
 6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth  
 6:45 p.m. Adult Prayer ~ Rm. 202

**Thursday January 5th**  
 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice

**Friday January 6th**

**Saturday January 7th**  
 6:30a.m. Men's Prayer ~ Rm. 228  
 8:00 a.m. Elder Prayer

**Sunday January 8th**  
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 (Nursery & Children's Church Available)  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Education  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 (Nursery & Children's Church Available)  
 6:00 p.m. ALPHA ~ Coffee Corner  
 6:30 p.m. High School Youth

| <b>Giving</b> | <b>December 25th—December 31st</b> |               |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Budget        | \$ 8,077.00                        | \$ 420,004.00 |
| Received      | \$15,074.26                        | \$ 439,239.92 |
|               | \$6,997.26                         | \$ 19,235.92  |

Please pray for God's continued provision.

## Volunteer Schedule

|               | Today   | January 8th  |
|---------------|---|--|
|               | <u>Nursery</u>  | <u>Nursery</u>   |
| 8:30 a.m.     | Jenna Johnson   | Bonnie Neitzer<br>Alyssa Spofford                              |
| Sunday School | Jen Daugs   | Sue Johnson  |
| 10:45 a.m.    | Harker Family   | Carrie Bayless<br>Tina E.                                      |
|               | <u>Children's Church</u>  | <u>Children's Church</u>                                       |
| 8:30 a.m.     | Fries Family  | Boyer Family   |
| 10:45 a.m.    | Jackie Somers<br>& Demie Bond                                     | Larissa Schultz<br>& Daughters                                 |
|               | <u>Ushers</u>   | <u>Ushers</u>  |
| 8:30 a.m.     | Bob Freeh<br>Nels Andersen<br>Martha Stiller<br>Lenny Kunzer      | Brian Shank<br>Keith Stickney<br>Martha Stiller<br>Carl Nelson |
| 10:45 a.m.    | Jerry Boyer<br>Pat Kedrowski<br>Mike Kasprowicz<br>Randy Thompson | Brett Soland<br>Matt Harker<br>Rob Arrache<br>Mike Kasprowicz  |

## Prayer Chain

To submit a request call  
 Daytime: Dara Shank (763) 441-5681  
 Evenings: Inga Iliff (763) 856-2085 or go to [zefc.org](http://zefc.org) and go to the Contact Menu

### Please Pray For:

- ✠ **God's continued healing presence and strength for:**  
 Ken Martin  
 Howard Meloch  
 Kathy Meloch  
 Jody Dubay ~ [caringbridge.org/visit/jodydubay](http://caringbridge.org/visit/jodydubay)
- ✠ **Our Military**  
 Robert Dubay - ROTC  
 Troy Gabrielson - Guards  
 Matt Harker - Guards  
 Andy Johnson - Virginia  
 Matt Johnson - Charleston, South Carolina  
 Sara Hansen - Pensacola Beach, Navy Hospital  
 Peter Loso - Afghanistan  
 Andrew Nordlund - Afghanistan  
 Curt Serbus - Guards  
 Tim Serbus - ROTC  
 Nick Thompson - Afghanistan  
 John Vargas - Navy

# Zimmerman Evangelical Free Church

"To know Jesus Christ and make Him known"

Sunday, January 1, 2012



# Radical Resolutions



Message: Resolve to Accept One Another

Pastor Tom Sterneman

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### Office Hours:

Monday through Friday  
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor  
 Tom Sterneman  
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## January 1st Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Worship Service



**Welcome**  
to  
**Zimmerman Evangelical Free Church**

Thank you for joining us today!  
We wish you a  
**Happy New Year!**

General Information

Please silence your cell phones and pagers during the service.

Nursery

Nursery is available for infants through age two during worship services

Children's Church

Children's Church will not be available January 1st  
Children's Church will resume January 8th.

Activity Bags

Activity bags for kids are located in the back of the Worship Center.  
Please return them to one of the back tables.

Communication Cards

Let us know you are here today! Write your prayer and information requests on the back and drop them in the offering basket.

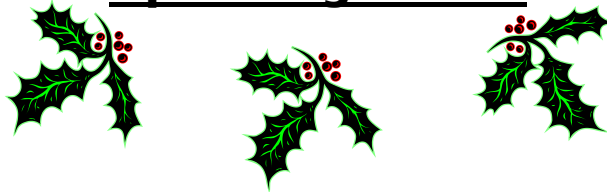


**Please Remember**  
to use only

Insulated Coffee Mugs with lids when enjoying a beverage in the Worship Center.

This helps save our carpets from stains.  
Thank You

**Upcoming Events**



**New ALPHA Course**  
Sunday January 8th, 6:00 p.m.

**Congregational Meeting/  
Potluck**

Sunday January 29th  
Following 2nd Service



**TRAP JOURNALS**

Pick up your January Journals at the table in the foyer.



Sunday School and Adult Education classes will resume January 8th.

**Adult Education Classes to choose from will be a study of Exodus or a Class on Parenting.**

**Life Recovery Ministry**



A Christ-Centered 12 step approach.  
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. here at ZEFC.

For dealing with any life-controlling issue.



elim oasis  
adult day health center

Faith in Action, East Central Senior Resource Center and Elim Oasis, will be offering support group classes for care givers.

Taking place every Thursday 9:30 a.m. to Noon starting January 12th thru February 16th. Classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall of the Freshwater Methodist Church in Princeton.

The Timber Trail Bus is available, as well as free care for the care receiver. Please call Elim Oasis if interested at 763-631-1150.

**Get Connected!**

Connexion Groups start again **January 8th**  
Sign-up in the foyer  
If you would like to be connected into a group.



**January 8th**

ALPHA will also begin.  
Sign-up in the foyer or online



**Before you start your New Years resolution** enjoy a meal or just some ice cream.  
**Today, January 1st Noon to 4:00 p.m.**  
A portion of these sales will go towards ZEFC student ministries.

Open  
9 to 11AM

**COFFEE**

It's all good

**CityKid JAVA**

Choose the virtuous brew that kicks back to kids in the Twin Cities\*

Keep it local!



**CORNER**



Now featuring fall favorites like apple cider & Chai Tea as well as fresh baked goods.

**Women's Bible study connexion group**

presents

**FAITHFUL, ABUNDANT & TRUE:**  
going deeper still.

Beginning Tuesday morning, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.

Signup sheet in the foyer.

Child care will be available.

Questions?

Lenee Wrede 763-856-0060

or [lencewrede@sherbtl.net](mailto:lencewrede@sherbtl.net)



**Quotes Corner**



“Making resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self-assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility.

Breaking them is part of the cycle.”

Eric Zorn

**James 2:24**

“You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.”

Resolve To Accept One Another  
James 2:1-7  
1/1/2012  
Pastor Tom Sterneman

I. Ungodly favoritism is sin. (v.1)

A. What is not meant by favoritism?

1. Appropriate distinctions are ok.
2. Showing due respect is ok.

B. What is meant by showing favoritism?

II. James clearly illustrates the sin. (vs. 2-4)

III. James calls us to divine acceptance. (vs. 5-7)

A. The call to remember how God accepts.

1. Total, though through humility.

-Whoever (John 3:16)

-Humble or lowly (Luke 2:6-7; 1Cor. 1:27-29; James 2:5)

2. Into an eternal kingdom.

In my Father's house are many rooms ... (John 14:2)

B. The call to accept and for wisdom about others.

1. The visitors with us.

-Believers  
-Non-believers  
-New believers

2. The outside community around us.

Take Away

This year reach out to those whom may not look like you or  
act like you with the love of the Lord.

**Connexion Reflections**  
1/1/2012  
Resolve To Accept One Another

**Open it:**

1. Where do you see prejudice being practiced?

**Explore it:**

2. What practical example did James use to illustrate how favoritism was practiced in the church? (vs. 1-4)
3. What does the church do to the poor person when it shows favoritism towards the rich? (v6)
4. What do rich people have a history of doing to people in the church? (vs. 6-7)
5. In Luke 1:46-55 Mary's song; how does God model acceptance and use of the humble to accomplish his desires?
6. Why do people in the church forget the truths of Ephesians 2:11-13 so quickly?

**Get it:**

7. How have you shown favoritism or prejudice towards other people?
8. Why do we often treat rich people as being more important than poor people?
9. In what practical ways can we show genuine love to people of different races, cultures, and economic standing?

**Apply it:**

10. How can you change the way you look at wealth this week so that you value it as God does?
11. What external trait or activity that others participate in do you need to ask God to help you overlook in order to accept them with the love of the Lord?